

U. S. SUES FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

Several Prominent Lumber
Firms In Court.

ATTORNEY GENERAL NOTIFIED

Inspectors Report Trespass on Government Lands of the State of Florida—Large Sums Are Demanded for Infringing on the Public Domain.

Eleven cases have been filed in the United States court at Jacksonville, in which the United States is the plaintiff and several lumber and naval stores firms are the defendants. The several cases are for damages arising out of lumber trespass.

Information has been filed by inspectors alleging trespass on the part of the defendants and United States District Attorney J. M. Cheney and his assistant, Richard P. Marks, signed orders that summons and respondent be issued by E. O. Locke, clerk of the United States court. This was done.

Duplicate copies of all the cases were made out and signed and later forwarded to United States Attorney General Wickensham at Washington, D. C.

The firms involved are among the largest and most prominent in the state. The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company is the defendant in the case asking for the largest amount of damages. In this suit the government demands the amount of \$10,000. The other cases all call for smaller amounts, two being as low as \$500.

Damage by Hurricane. From Punta Rasa, in the Ten Thousand Islands, comes the news of great damage inflicted by the recent hurricane. The report says that the islands were swept by a tidal wave and that those residents who had escaped drowning were in destitute circumstances. Crops were ruined, merchandise houses destroyed and many women and children were drowned. Seventeen bodies, supposedly those of sailors, who perished during the storm, washed ashore. A petition, signed by thirty-six survivors, asks the board of trade of Tampa for assistance.

Asking for Information. Secretary Willis B. Powell, of the Tampa Board of Trade, is being flooded with letters containing inquiries about Tampa and South Florida and asking for information on different matters pending the location there of new business houses, factories and other industries. A large number of writers from all sections state that they intend to spend the winter in Tampa. Many intend to locate there permanently and invest capital, and all are very much interested in Florida from the reports from that section.

Purchased New Boat. Preparing for the winter season, the favorite line of steamers, running boats between St. Petersburg, Tampa and Manatee river points, has just purchased a new boat and faster than any in the service. This boat's name will be the Pokanoket. She is 161 feet in length and has a 29-foot beam. Being of the great screw variety she is capable of a deal of speed and will make the trip between Tampa and St. Petersburg in just a little more than one hour's time.

Capt. O'Brien Honored. The local engineers and steamboat men have honored Capt. J. Ed O'Brien, of Pensacola, by presenting him with a silver set on the event of his twenty-fifth year in office. For a quarter of a century this gentleman has been in the employ of the government as inspector of steamboat boilers for the district from Gulfport to Pensacola, with headquarters in Mobile.

Many Settlers Arriving. Prospective settlers are arriving in great numbers at Miami, and the real estate dealers are sure doing a "land office" business. Edward Stillings arrived from Detroit, bringing with him fifteen families, who will settle at the new town of Detroit, south of Miami. The demand for improved property is improving daily, and many fine groves have changed hands recently.

Citrus Fruit Uninjured. The citrus fruit groves in Titusville vicinity were uninjured by the recent storm. Most of the groves were protected by the trees of the thick hammock which skirts the river. Only a few oranges were blown from the trees.

To Abolish Gulf Navy Yards. Secretary of the Navy Meyer has visited Pensacola for an inspection of the Pensacola navy yard. He was entertained at a banquet by a delegation of prominent citizens, where he discussed the future policy of the government relative to abandoning two of the three gulf navy yards. He would not commit himself as to which of the three will be maintained. He declared that Guantanamo is to be the future naval base of the country and that a modern naval station will be maintained there.

Happy Hunting Grounds. Quail are reported as being plentiful in the vicinity of Orlando. In fact, the hunters claim that the crop of quail this season is the largest in several years, but that the birds are found to be much smaller in size. Local nimrods are anxiously awaiting the opening of the season.

Negro Shot and Killed. A negro by the name of Charles Bell was shot to death at Orange City by another negro by the name of John Robinson. The tragedy was about the daughter of the negro killed. He objected to Robinson calling on her. Robinson has escaped apprehension.

W. C. BROWN.

New York Central President
Fighting For Rate Increase.



Photo by American Press Association.

WORKED CLEVER THEFT.

Woman Feigned Illness and Robbed Man of \$6,000 in Notes.

Julius Paulin, a salesman of 749 Broadway, New York, was robbed of \$6,000 in notes by a woman who entered his room at a downtown hotel and feigned illness. "Quick, give me a glass of water, I'm fainting," said the woman as she tottered toward a couch in the room.

Mr. Paulin gave her the water and asked if he should call the house physician. The woman said not to call a doctor, as she was subject to "these fainting spells" and would soon be all right.

"Please let me lie on the couch a few minutes," she pleaded, "and I will go when I am stronger." A long wallet protruded from the hip pocket of Paulin's trousers. In it were five notes for \$6,000. After the woman had gone Paulin discovered that he had been robbed. He reported the theft at detective headquarters.

ITEMS OF A provision prohibiting GENERAL the "third degree" in police investigations was introduced at Phoenix, Ariz., in the constitutional convention as a part of the proposed declaration of rights. It forbids the use of threats or torture in efforts to obtain evidence.

Grace Gilbert, who has been the "bearded lady" attraction of several road shows, was married at South Bend, Ind., to Giles E. Calvin, a farmer of Kalkaska, Mich. The bride has a beard 18 inches long, while the groom boasts nothing but a mustache.

Contributions of \$1,000,000 for the world-wide expansion of the Young Men's Christian Association, \$450,000 of which was given by John D. Rockefeller, were announced at Washington, at the conference of the Young Men's Christian Association Workers in the east room of the White House. President Taft addressed the delegates and heartily endorsed the organization.

Miss Amanda Moore, a beautiful southern society girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hittenshouse Moore, of Mobile, Ala., was married to Dr. Henry Goldthwaite, of Mobile, a nephew of the late Senator Goldthwaite, of Alabama, in one of the private drawing rooms of the Hotel Webster, at New York City. Rev. Henry Shipman, rector of the Church of Heavenly Rest, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of relatives and intimate friends. Miss Moore was well known in society of Atlanta and other southern cities.

Announcement has been made at Statesboro, N. C., that the Statesville Air Line Railroad Company will build at once a new line of road from Statesville to Yadkinville, the county seat of Yadkin county, a distance of 25 miles. The proposed road will run through a rich section of the country, touching a number of small towns.

Receipts of the season's cotton at Galveston, Tex., since the season opened, September 1, reached 1,000,000 bales which broke all previous records, no port having before passed the 1,000,000-bale mark this early in the season.

In the course of a political speech at Clarendon, Iowa, Governor Carroll made his first public announcement as to the appointment of a successor to the late Senator Dolliver, intimating that he would name no one until after the coming election.

United States Senator B. E. Shively will undergo an operation within a few days for the removal of a dead bone from his foot, according to his physician, says a dispatch from South Bend, Ind. Mr. Shively's condition has been exaggerated, says the physician, but he admits that the senator will probably not recover in time to enter the campaign.

Fifteen hundred union boilermakers, who have been out on a noiseless strike since August 1, returned to work at Pittsburgh, Pa., at increased wages which the manufacturers conceded. A score of shops were affected.

L. B. Paine, of Duluth, Minn., captain of the Cornell football team, died at the Cornell infirmary from supposed internal injuries received while playing football, says a dispatch from Ithaca, N. Y.

Fruit and Floral Show. One of the biggest exhibitions of fruits and flowers ever seen in this country will be that which will be conducted in Tampa by the American Pomological Society, which will hold its annual meeting in that city. Fruits and flowers will be sent there from every state in the union and from Honolulu, Canada, Cuba and other countries as well. The railroads will have their special tourist rates on and a large crowd of visitors will no doubt attend.

MORE STEALS FROM UNCLE SAM'S PURSE

Another Customs Scandal Reported From New York.

RUNS INTO THE MILLIONS

Collector Loeb Finds That Certain Importers Have Been Getting Rebates and Thereby Robbing United States Government of Large Sums.

Another alleged leakage in the customs service, whereby it is estimated that duties ranging into the millions have been diverted from the federal treasury, is being investigated by William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York. The inquiry deals with rebates allowed importers of fruits on shipments reported as decayed or unfit for market.

Owing to the fact that the number of inspectors was too small to permit examination of all cargoes an agreement was reached some time ago between importers and the customs officials whereby, if an allowance for decay was claimed, an inspection of only five per cent of the cargo was made, but percentage of the decay found in this portion alone applied to the entire cargo. It is now claimed that frequently the rebates thus allowed were excessive.

Rebates on lemons are said to represent the greatest loss and unofficial estimates of the amount turned from the treasury on this item alone since the McKinley tariff law became effective, range from \$1,500 to \$3,000,000. The duty paid on lemons since 1898 exceeds \$18,000,000.

ALLEN D. CANDLER'S DEATH.

Former Governor of Georgia, Congressman and Historian.

Allan D. Candler, former governor of Georgia, brave soldier of the civil war, and for years representative in congress from the ninth congressional district, died Wednesday at his home, 657 Edgewood avenue, Atlanta, Ga., in the 76th year of his age.

Former Governor Candler, known affectionately to hundreds of thousands of Georgians as the "One-Eyed Plowboy of Pigeon Roost" was a member of the famous Georgian family of that name. He was a cousin of Bishop Candler, Asa G. Candler, and Judge John S. Candler. He comes from a stock that has reflected signal honor upon Georgia in widely different fields.

Since his retirement from the office of Governor, which he filled with signal ability and fearlessness, the patriot son of Georgia who breathed his last on Wednesday morning, has been compiling and publishing the official records of colonial, revolutionary and civil war times in this state. He was engaged in that work when overtaken by his last illness.

NINETEEN MEN LOST.

Steamer Regulus, Caught in Storm, Becomes a Total Wreck.

News of the wreck of the steamer Regulus, bound from Belle Island to Sydney, with the loss of nineteen men of the crew, was received at St. Johns, N. F.

The wreck occurred at Shoal Bay. The Regulus was owned in St. Johns, and the crew consisted almost wholly of Newfoundlanders.

The Regulus has been running between New Foundland ports, Sydney, C. B., New York and Philadelphia. She broke her tail shaft off Bay of Bulls, 35 miles from St. John, while on her way from Belle Island to Sydney, and a tug picked her up. The storm increased, however; four hawsers were parted, and the Regulus became lost in the fog and darkness. At daylight the steamer was found to be a total wreck on a point of land at the entrance of Shoal Bay. Nineteen members of the crew had been swept into the sea and drowned.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON.

Alabama County Reports a Remarkable Occurrence.

Reports were brought to Anniston, Ala., of a singular phenomenon of nature at Heflin, Cleburne county, which has attracted the attention of the population of the entire county.

According to the reports an incessant rain has been falling on a plot of land at Heflin no larger than 1/2 foot square for the last week, while everywhere around the atmosphere was perfectly dry.

Residents of Heflin have been unable to give any explanation of the phenomenon.

DISASTER AT SEA.

British Vessel Reported Wrecked on Cuban Coast by Storm.

A cablegram from Cuba says that the liner Crown Prince has been wrecked on the coast near Havana.

The Crown Prince, bound for Liverpool, Eng., was caught in the great Cuban storm and was long overdue. The Crown Prince, an English ship, was bound to Liverpool from Colon. The vessel is of modern construction, being built in Newcastle England, six years ago.

An official report was received from the captain of the Crown Prince. He stated that the vessel had gone ashore off Ranges Point on October 16. The ship broke in two amidships and the stem was completely broken by the pounding of the waves. The fore holds filled with water. The captain indicated that all hands had been saved.

Ralph Wilson, member of the Wash College football team, who was injured in the game at St. Louis, died there, according to dispatches received at Crawfordville, Ind. Wilson was playing a star game at half back when he received a blow on the head and retired, dying from the injury without regaining consciousness.

OSWALD WEST.

Democratic Candidate For
Governor of Oregon.



SLEW HIS SWEETHEART.

Jealous Rage Seized Young Farmer Near LaFayette, Ind.

Jealousy at the attentions being paid his sweetheart by another man is said to have prompted Martin Robinson, a prominent young farmer, to shoot and kill Miss Grace Eller, 17 years old, and to fire one shot at Willard Southworth, who was spending the evening with her.

Southworth ran, and it is not known if he was injured. The tragedy occurred at Montmorencie, 10 miles north of Lafayette, Ind. Robinson, who has not been found, is said to have told a neighbor after the shooting that he intended to commit suicide.

FLAMES DESTROYED PRISON BUILDING

Main Building at Georgia State
Farm Burned.

SEVEN PRISONERS ESCAPE

Explosion of Oil Lamp in Prisoner's Cell Caused Fire—Intense Excitement Followed—Coolness of Guards Prevented Holocaust.

Fire Thursday night destroyed the main building of the state prison farm at Milledgeville, Ga. Two hundred and six male prisoners were confined in the building. None were injured. Seven male prisoners escaped in the excitement.

The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil lamp in the cell of a prisoner.

The flames spread quickly and a mad rush for exits followed. With coolness the guards let the prisoners into the corridors, the majority of them being confined in their cells.

The convicts exhibited great courage and those awake when the conflagration broke out materially assisted the guards in wakening others and assisting them to places of safety.

Despite the confusion and terror incident to the spreading flames, the prisoners obeyed orders splendidly and the management was surprised to find but seven men missing when the roll call was made after the fire. The main building was valued at \$15,000. The clothing of prisoners, bedding, furniture and fixtures of the building was a total loss. Most of the convicts were driven from their beds in their night clothes.

RICH GIFT TO NEW YORK.

Ten Thousand Acres of Land and a Check for \$1,000,000.

In accordance with the plan outlined by her husband, the late E. H. Harriman, Mrs. Mary W. Harriman has presented to the state of New York 10,000 acres of land, a part of the Arden estate, to be incorporated in the State Palisades park.

At the same time a gift of \$1,000,000 was made by Mrs. Harriman for the development of the park, and the preserve was further increased by the transfer to the park commission of 700 acres which had been intended for the new state prison on Bear Mountain, but which, by act of the last legislature, was ceded to the park.

Presentation of the great Harriman gift was made to George W. Perkins, president of the Palisades Park commission, by Averill W. Harriman, son of the late financier, who handed the deeds and \$1,000,000 check to Mr. Perkins.

Richard Ott, a resident of Grove Hill, Ala., is on trial charged with cutting his wife's throat and stuffing the body down a well. This is the second trial for the offense, the first resulting in a mistrial.

Before and After.

The young Prince Tsai Tao during his visit to America welcomed criticism of Chinese customs and retorted politely with counter criticism of the customs of the United States.

The prince at a fashionable luncheon in New York sat beside a lady prominent in a rich and rather fast set.

"Prince," said this lady, "I think it's dreadful that in China a bride never sees her husband before the wedding day."

"Well," said the prince, with a grin, "here in America you never see him after it!"—New York Tribune.

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